

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BEFORE THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
MAY 17, 2006**

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order.

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the hearing to order at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Councilmembers	
John Schroeder	Present
Bradley Seger	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Renee Kabrick	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the hearing, a majority of the members of the legislative body must be in attendance. All seven members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the hearing.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments concerning the annexation of 96 acres located near the northeast corner of Meridian Road and State Road 162.

Notice appeared in the Herald on February 27, 2006. Notice was mailed to affected property owners, posted at city hall, and faxed to the news media.

Mayor Schmitt then asked for public comment and if there were any remonstrators present.

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented a map and pointed out the location of the property. He said there were several petitioners. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein stated that there were six property owners, Christian Church, Knies Construction, City of Jasper, County of Dubois, State of Indiana and Tyson Foods/Heinold Hog Market.

Shawn Worden, General Manager of the Tyson Foods/Heinold Hog Market facility on Meridian Road, was present. Mr. Worden stated that Tyson Foods was agricultural based and profit margins were low. He stated that his facility had always been agricultural based and he considered his operation an extension of a farm. On behalf of Tyson Foods, he requested that their property remain outside of the city limits.

Councilmember Bradley Seger asked if their concerns were that property taxes would be higher and Mr. Worden responded yes. Mayor Schmitt stated that the Tyson Foods property was at the beginning of the annexation area and could not be cut out of said area. Schmitt also said they would enjoy the benefits such as paved streets and snow removal that the City provides. Councilmember Ambrose Schitter explained that there were annexation laws to be followed.

There were no other comments.

On **motion** made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, and approved by a vote of 7-0, the public hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

William J. Schmitt, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary